

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.
Going North—7:35 a.m., 10:05 a.m., 4:05 p.m.
Going South—7:30 a.m., 4:15 p.m., and 9 p.m.
For Odessa—7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
4:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Harville 9:30 a.m.,
and 4:45 p.m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 10, 1911

LOCAL NEWS

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.

The best steak, roasts, lamb and veal, at
W. C. Jones'.

HIDES WANTED.—The highest
cash price paid for horse and cow hides.
W. C. JONES.

WANTED—Cattle to pasture after May
1st, at \$1.00 per month. Address
R. S. CARPENTER,
Port Penn, Del.

FOR SALE—Three good farm horses
for sale. Apply to
W. W. ALLEN & SON,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.

After June first, the Library hours will
be—Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30; Fridays 7 to 8:30;
Saturdays, 3 to 5, P.M.

WANTED—Several carpenters at one
Apply to
JOHNS & WILSON,
WARWICK, MD.

SINGLE COMB BROWN LEGHORN
EGGS \$1.00 per setting.
T. E. CLAYTON,
Middletown, Del.

WANTED—\$4,500 at 5 per cent. on
farm mortgage 150 acres, well located.
Address, Box 98, Middletown, Del.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your
teeth and give estimate without charge.
FRESH and SALT FISH at my store
at all times. W. C. JONES.

WANTED—\$4,500 at 5 per cent. on
farm mortgage 150 acres, well located.
Address, Box 98, Middletown, Del.

A meeting of the Board of Trade will
be held in the Town Council Chamber on
Monday evening next, June 12, at 8
o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

"We have stored in our Warehouse at
MIDDLETOWN and BEAR, DELAWARE, Fertilizer
for all Spring Crop by bag or ton
Send along your TRAMS." Phones 5 and 48
JESSEL SHEPHERD.

Children's Day will be observed in the
M. E. Church at Sassafras, Md., Sunday
evening at eight o'clock. An interesting
program has been arranged for this
occasion.

The Rev. Francis H. Moore will
preach in the Armstrong's Chapel on to-
morrow (Sunday) at 2:30 o'clock. On Sun-
day, July 18th, Children's Day will be
observed in the chapel at the same hour.

You had better have that winter suit
and overcoat cleaned before you put it on
a way. I have the agency for the best dry-
ing and cleaning establishment in the
east. Prices as low as any that do high
class work.

ROBERT B. JONES.

Mrs. Maggie Cochran, Mr. L. F.
Schreitz and Mr. Judson Northup;
have beautified their properties on Crow-
ford street, by having cement pavements
laid.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list
of letters remains unclaimed in the post
office for the week ending June 1st:
Mrs. Salie Huff (Dead Letter), Dr. G. H.
Benton, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright.

The Lawn Fete given on the lawn of
Bethelwood M. E. Church on Friday even-
ing last was a success, the net proceeds
being about \$50, which is to be applied
to the general funds of the Sabbath
school.

Children's Day exercises were held in
Rehoboth M. P. Church at Sassafras,
Md., last Sunday evening. A pleasing
program was well rendered, consisting of
recitations by the school. The music was
especially fine.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be administered in the Forest Pres-
byterian Church on to-morrow (Sunday)
morning and the Session will meet at
10:15 o'clock to receive those desiring to
unite with the church.

There was only a quarter of an inch of
rain during the month of May up to six
o'clock on the last day of the month. The
rain for the whole month including the
last day only amounted to seventy one
inch.

Farmers in this section of the country
will suffer a loss which will reach many
thousands of dollars because of the pro-
longed drought, which has just been broken.
This is the opinion of many prominent
farmers who have been talked to on the
subject. Not for many years has there
been such a dry April and May, and as a
result crops of practically all kinds have
been damaged.

A Stabbing Affair

On Monday afternoon Joseph Rhoades,
brother to the young man who with
Herman Turpin beat and robbed old man
Robinson some weeks ago, but who fled
and was not caught, attacked a colored
man named James Davis in front of the
National Hotel and in the melee sent a
small pocket knife into Davis' back,
though not seriously injuring him. Officer
Hilary arrested him on a warrant
and after a hearing before Squire Cox he
was held in \$200 bail to the next term of
Court and in default of his bail was sent
to the workhouse on Tuesday. Davis was
discharged, it appearing from the evi-
dence that he acted solely in self-defense.

Richard Johnson got "nunc ita" on
"Whistlin Monday" and was fined \$2 as a
plain drunk by the Squire.

LIBRARY'S TENTH BIRTHDAY

The Occasion Will be Observed as
"Donation Day"

The Middletown Public Library will to-
day celebrate its tenth birthday. The
day will be observed as "Donation Day"
when it is hoped that every friend of the
library will make a donation, if only a
small one. The members of the library
committee have worked hard to place the
library on a sure foundation and they
feel justified in asking for a donation in
token of good will to the library from the
people of the town. This is the first lib-
rary ever started in Middletown which
has lived and prospered for ten years and
the committee feels justly proud of it.

The first library in Middletown in the
recollection of the present inhabitants
was in the old academy, but it is not cer-
tain if it was a public library or a school
library. The "boys" of some fifty and
sixty years ago know only that there was
a library in the building. At the time of
the organization of the next library, a
meeting was held in the Sunday School
room of Forest Presbyterian Church, by
a number of interested persons, with Mr.
Edward Reynolds chairman of the meet-
ing. They secured funds to start the
library and Mr. Reynolds went to Philadel-
phia to buy the books. The library
was opened in a room on the third floor
of the Opera House, and after a time was
removed to a room in the house now occu-
pied by Mrs. H. V. Parvis, this room
being removed to Mr. D. L. Dunning's
store, from which place the books became
scattered and lost.

Some years later, the members of the
Irving Lyceum collected money and
bought books for a library, to be known
as the Irving Lyceum Library. They had
no regular librarian and in time, this
library also became a thing of the past.

In 1901, a number of ladies decided that
they could and would have a public
library in this town and when a woman
makes up her mind to do anything, nothing
on earth can stop her. With one hundred
dollars and several gifts of books,
these women opened the Middletown
Public Library on June 10th, 1901, in a
room on North Broad street. There were
about one hundred each paid \$1.00 per year
membership fee. One year later, the library
was removed to the room over the
postoffice which it now occupies.

There are now 1905 volumes in the
library, of which 976 are fiction; 661 his-
tory, biography and miscellaneous; 142
children's books; and 124 good books of
different kinds formerly part of the
Irving Lyceum Library and which were
given to the library after the death of Dr. T. H. Gilpin, who had them in his
possession for a number of years. In the
library is a Webster's New International
Dictionary and a set of Chambers Encyclo-
pedia. Stoddard's Lectures have been
read and re-read and a gift of "Maker's
of Literature" was much appreciated.

The committee purpose spending about
fifty dollars for new books during the
summer months, and all will may
for the nominal fee of one dollar, enjoy
this feast of literature.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

Next Sunday is Children's Day at Beth-
esda. In the morning special exercises
by the Primary School at 10:30 o'clock,
and at 7:30 P.M., the main school will
celebrate. In addition to our local musi-
cians the school has engaged Mr. Harry
P. Shapley of Smyrna, violinist, and Mr.
Eugene Chase of New Castle, cornetist,
to assist them. As both are excellent,
as the organ has just been returned, the
music ought to prove quite enjoyable.

Rev. W. D. Parry, pastor of Asbury
Methodist Episcopal Church of Smyrna,
will be present and make the principal
address. All will want to hear this force-
ful pulpit orator on his first visit to this
church.

Immediately preceding the morning
service, at 10:15 o'clock, there will be
held a baptismal service for such infants
as may be desired. Parents having
infants for whom they desire baptism are
requested to have them promptly present
at the hour named.

The first quarterly Conference of this
Conference year will be held Wednesday
next at 3 P.M., in the church parlor.

At the meeting of the Boy Scouts on
Monday evening last, four new names
were recorded, making a total of twenty-
one.

Custer Store Robbed

Sometime during the rattle and patter
of Monday night's tempest, somewhere
probably, between 1 and 2 o'clock, the
store of Mr. C. S. Custer was entered by
a burglar who smashed the window-half of
one his doors, snatched all, and then lifted
up the bar and entered the room. The
thief or thief stole 9 bars and about
40 pounds of sidemant.

Mr. Johnson whose shop is next door,
heard about one o'clock a noise but gave
the matter no further attention. No clues
have been found to the thief.

Kiefer Pears Affected

That the Kiefer pear orchards through-
out the State are badly affected with some
disease has been manifested for some time
to the large growers. Prof. McCue, of
Delaware College, has just inspected
some diseased orchards and gave "Body
Blight" as the cause. He did not suggest
a remedy or preventative other than that
heavy fertilizing might be beneficial.

Many growers are fearful that the blight
may eventually compel them to dig out
their entire orchards.

Town Tax Rate \$1.00

At a meeting of the Town Board, on
Wednesday evening, the tax rate for the
year 1911 was fixed at \$1.00. Last year the
rate was \$1.25, and many of our tax-
payers will be gratified to learn of this

reduction.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. R. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1 .88 | Corn—

Timothy Seed \$6.00 | Yellow, shelled 50

Olivey Seed \$10.30 Oats

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLES.

Eggs, per dozen

Country Butter, per lb.

Creamery Butter, per lb.

Lard, per lb.

Live Chickens, per lb.

Potatoes.....

Gave Bridge Party

Mrs. F. B. Watkins gave a delightful
Bridge party to a large number of her
lady friends and acquaintances at her
home in Odessa, Tuesday afternoon last.

Those present from a distance were:

Mrs. John Gill, in "Middle

Earth."

Mr. Joshua Crossland, Mrs. T. S. Four-

ace, Mrs. E. A. Goldborough, Misses

Elsie A. Jones, Ada Scott, Lena Dutton,

Jeanette Schreitz, May Kumpel, Prudence

Lewis, Louise Echenhofer, Florrie

Bloom, Mary Richards, Lena Weber,

Mabel Lockwood, Osborne Banning, 6th

Grade—Frances Basien, John Kumpel,

5th Grade—Harriet Moore.

During the noon intermission scores of
visitors scattered over the clean and, some-
times on tables extemporized for the time,
others on table cloths spread upon the
grass, others again in carriage or auto,
prepared their luncheons.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. Ro-

berts read the 11 Chapter of Hebrews and
the hymn #47 was sung. Then Mr. Daniel W.

Carroll, president of the "Friends of Old

Drawyers" association took charge of the

excuse for the afternoon. He read from

some printed minutes the history and ob-

jects of the Society to preserve inviolate

the venerable tomb of the fathers, the

sacred old church itself, to gather and re-

cord all old traditions, stories, legends and

other historical matter about the old days

and the forefathers, their families &c.

Then after a brief speech of welcome to

those present, he introduced as the speaker

for the afternoon, Chief Justice Penne-

well.

He announced as the subject of his ad-

dress "The Desire For A Change", where-

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everywhere manifest in State and Nation

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THE LATE A. B. CROW
BY GEORGE EDWARD STREETER

He walked into the office of the information bureau with the air of a man having something on his mind which he desired to dispose of quickly.

Is the manager in? he asked shortly and in a tone which made the girl at the counter open her eyes in surprise.

No, sir; but will you see the assistant?

Well, I dunno! I want to see the boss, but p'raps the other one'll do, replied the caller.

Yes, sir, said the mild-mannered Robert Pickett, the company's chief clerk, as he approached the counter.

Are you the man who said A. B. Crowe was dead? demanded the stranger.

No, sir; not yet, replied the clerk with a half-smile on his face.

This is no laughing matter—not by a jugful, rejoined the caller, his eyes fairly ablaze.

I don't understand you, interrupted the young man. Please explain.

Well, if you didn't, who did say Crowe was dead?

I'm sure I don't know; I'll give it up.

Not on your life; no, sirree, you don't give it up, and I ain't goin' to give it up, either. You show me the reporter who said Crowe was a dead one, shouted the visitor.

I want to see him, he added significantly.

And who are you, sir? What is your name? asked Pickett in his usual soft, even tone, which seemed only to add fuel to the other's wrath.

My name? he exclaimed. Why, my name is Crowe—Arthur Benjamin Crowe. That's what my name is. I am Crowe, and I ain't dead, d'ye see?

Too bad, rejoined the clerk; and then, before the stranger could speak again, he added: That's all right, Mr. Crowe—you're not dead.

Of course I'm not; that's what brings me here. Dead? No, No, indeed! If I was dead, I wouldn't have come—would I?

Hardly, agreed Pickett, who began to doubt the sanity of his visitor. Don't you worry Mr. Crowe; I'll vouch for you not being dead, if necessary. Is that all?

No that's not all. You people said I was dead, and I want an apology published in every paper in this city, or there's goin' to be peaks of trouble.

Don't you believe it. You're mistaken. Trouble comes to most people after they are dead.

To put such an item in the papers would be stupid. That would be poor advertising. What is your line of business?

I'm a baker, and have been doin' business right here in this city for over ten years; and now, after all this time for your reporter to send out information that I was dead—

Why, it's awful. It's hurt me a whole lot, and I demand an apology—so I do.

Banker Crowe took off his hat, mopping his brow; for he had grown very red in the face, and very hot all over.

At that moment the manager entered the office, and Pickett signaled to him, introducing Crowe:

Mr. Thomas, this is A. B. Crowe, who claims we reported he was dead, and he has called to deny it.

Of course, I deny it, chimed in Crowe; and you fellers will have to apologize in every paper of this city.

Won't you step into my private office, Mr. Crowe? Let us talk this over.

The two men entered the manager's room.

All the reports ever written regarding Crowe were called for; and, upon being examined, it was found that nothing had ever been issued to the effect that he had gone to his reward. But the irate baker was not satisfied.

You phone Jones & Small, where I buy my flour, and ask them, urged Crowe.

Ask them what?

Why ask them if one of your fool reporters didn't tell them that I was dead.

What's the use, my friend? I am willing to take your word for it that you are alive. Now let it go at that: You must excuse me, for I'm very busy this morning.

Not on yer life, by chiminy! shouted the now thoroughly angry man. No, sirree! You phone Jones & Small, or there'll

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

If knives are spotted, rub them with a cut potato dipped in wood ashes.

Sandwiches made from rye bread are delicious if cut very thin and spread with a mixture of minced olive, Spanish peppers, cream cheese and a little bit of mayonnaise.

Small side dishes, once so numerous, are now used for nothing save perhaps a thin apple or rhubarb sauce. Rarely more than two vegetables are served with a meat course.

Court plaster should never be allowed to completely cover a deep cut. It should be cut into strips and fastened across the wound so that the excretions from it can freely escape.

Emery powder and oil made into a paste is an excellent mixture to clean steel. Rub on well and polish, after which rub an oil rag and then polish up again with a clean duster.

When the sauceron in which oatmeal or any other cereal is cooked is emptied, fill it immediately with cold water. By the time the pan is to be used again it will be easy to clean.

To prevent raisins or currants from dropping to the bottom of the pan, first put in a layer of dough without them, and then add the dough with which the raisins, well floured, have been mixed.

Bake good sized long potatoes, scoop out the centers and season with salt and pepper. Refill the shells with a layer of potato then a layer of creamed codfish, heating it up well on top. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve hot.

The bluish can which comes on finely polished furniture in damp weather may be removed by wiping with lime-warm water in which there is a tablespoonful of ammonia to a gallon of water.

To improve liver, cut slashes in it and thread with thin strips of fat bacon. Season somewhat highly and bake for an hour or more. This is the usual manner of its preparation in France.

Rugs for a kitchen should always be washable, as the grease they accumulate is unspeakable. Good looking mixtures in rag weaves are suitable and far more sanitary than the custom of some households using rugs that have grown too shabby for other rooms. A wool rug should be put on the line and well beaten once a week and should be wiped off frequently with soap bark and water or with a special soap.

Ammonia is excellent cleanser for porcelain, but when dirt and grease demand an extra agent use kerosene. It will do the work thoroughly. Apply with a rag and wash off with warm soapsuds.

If the edge of a linen turnover collar is moistened with glycerine and water after ironing and before folding it over there will be little danger of its cracking. The solution will make the fabric pliable.

I don't think so, replied the manager, as he touched a concealed button on his desk, which immediately brought the chief clerk to the door.

Pickett, we've had complaints about Crowe being slow in meeting his obligations, haven't we?

Yes, sir, I've just looked through the Red Book, and find—

Don't go, Mr. Crowe, said the manager, as his visitor edged toward the door. Of course, you would hardly expect us to know all these things, but, my dear man, our work has many sides to it. What did you find, Pickett?

So far as we know he owes to local houses nearly thirteen hundred dollars, and there is seven hundred and eighty dollars of that which is overdue, answered the clerk.

Is that right, Crowe? queried Mr. Thomas.

Blast you people, anyway, replied the baker. You fellows know too much.

Careful friend. Don't talk like that, or maybe there will be other items in the newspaper besides retractions of false deaths. What are you going to do about settling this indebtedness?

Nothing! You bet your neck—nothing! I'll do nothing!

Tut, tut! man! That's no way to talk. Let me give you a little advice. Go and pay Jones & Small this afternoon. You owe them about five hundred dollars.

I have told them that you would settle the past due amount. If you fail to do so, to-morrow morning's papers will include among the Court News an item affecting a certain Mr. Crowe, a baker. Now don't disappoint me. Remember.

The two men stood looking each other straight in the eye for a moment.

Good day, Crowe. Go and show your creditors that you are not a dead one. Pay up, and be a man.

The manager offered his hand, which the other hesitatingly took.

The interview was over.

The baker, whose entrance had been somewhat lion-like, left the office as a lamb, and a dumb one at that.

CUPID'S LIGHTNING REPEATS

MILFORD, Del., June 5.—Occupying a position in a local printing office which is regularly said to be struck by matrimonial lightning, and from which position by her predecessor resigned to become bride within two years, Miss Lulu Dickerson fulfilled the regular order of things by leaving it and being married to Carl Marine. The composing room girls became noted for its marriages, and when the woman resigned to be married the long-suffering manager was besieged with applicants. Miss Dickerson

A splendid filling for sofa cushions may be made by taking a dime's worth of cotton batting, cutting it into small squares and heating it in a baking pan in the oven for half an hour, care being taken not to let it scorch. Each little square will puff up twice its size and will be light and fluffy as a feather.

Cracked porcelain can be admirably mended if it can be tightly tied or clamped together with edges perfectly dry, and is then boiled for an hour or two in skin milk. Remove the milk from the stove and let the porcelain stay in until the milk is cold. If this is properly done the pieces will stick firmly together and the crack will be hard to find.

The foreman, on whose shoulders falls the task of training young women to compose, or to lay them, has advertised for a man to whom to be struck by Cupid's arrow, hoping that in his case a following the acceptance of the company, he will stick to the work all the harder. Young women of the town, however, do not seem to be too keen in the number of coy and bashful Milford men willing to see what will happen if they take the position.

Forest Fires Do Damage

Forest fires are playing havoc to standing timber near Edendale. Last week a spark from a locomotive set fire to a big pile of stored wood and young timber along the Pennsylvania railroad, which caused great damage. Mr. Delan who has equal success against the company to recover.

At Robbins Station, Robert Clandenell suffered over \$100 loss from the same cause, and the round trip has been to the town to repair the damages. A fire got away from a farmer near Fletchertown and destroyed much valuable timber.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OR—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of George M. D. Hart,

IN PERSON,
EVERY SATURDAY,
DURING JUNE, 1911,
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August. This may be obtained by personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF APPQUINIMINK HUNDRED, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

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St. Georges Hundred

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A. G. COX'S OFFICE, MIDDLETON,
SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 1911,
From 1 to 3 P. M.
MASSEY'S HOTEL, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st, 1911,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT R. S. CARPENTER'S IN PORT PENN, STORE,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th, 1911,
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